

REMARKS

Claims 1-133 are pending in the application, of which claims 1-98, 100-102, 104-114, and 116-133 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 99 and 115 have been amended to include the phrase “synergistic effective amounts of” upon Examiner’s suggestion. New dependent claims 134-168 have been added. No new matter has been added by such amendment. Amendment of the pending claims and specification should in no way be construed as an acquiescence, narrowing, or surrender of any subject matter. Rather, the amendments are being made to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants reserve the option to prosecute the previously pending claims further, or other ones, in the instant or a subsequent patent application.

Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to disclaim the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of Issued U.S. Patent No. 6,376,549.

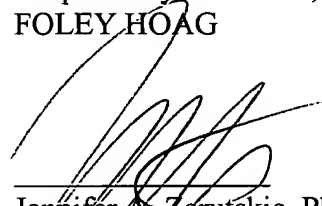
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance, and notification of such is respectfully requested.

No fee, other than the Terminal Disclaimer fee, is believed to be due in connection with this Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference AKT-053.02.**

If, for any reason, a telephonic conference with the Applicant would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Agent at the telephone number provided below.

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